

DIVISION	AREA UNDER ALL CROPS &C.						M A N U R E U S E D					
	T O T A L			% M A N U R E D			T O T A L			AVERAGE PER ACRE		
	1935-36 Acres	1936-37 Acres	1937-38 Acres	1935-36 %	1936-37 %	1937-38 %	1935-36 Tons	1936-37 Tons	1937-38 Tons	1935-36 lbs.	1936-37 lbs.	1937-38 lbs.
CENTRAL	1,027,684	1,040,557	1,112,376	90.10	86.85	87.53	46,045	48,173	51,637	111.4	111.9	118.9
LOWER NORTH	984,688	991,636	1,034,883	96.08	94.98	95.73	35,865	37,879	40,094	84.9	90.1	90.7
UPPER NORTH	302,742	335,292	332,112	67.24	64.90	69.84	5,652	6,570	7,074	62.2	67.6	68.3
SOUTH EASTERN	93,361	94,886	120,751	79.52	82.72	82.19	3,508	3,897	4,960	105.8	111.2	112.0
WESTERN	1,104,082	1,153,640	1,142,397	80.27	84.56	88.76	25,415	31,550	34,137	64.2	72.4	75.4
MURRAY MALLEE	950,606	961,696	993,909	91.42	91.46	92.55	31,369	33,585	38,449	80.8	85.5	93.6
TOTAL STATE	4,463,163	4,577,707	4,736,428	87.50	87.41	89.28	147,854	161,654	176,351	84.8	90.5	93.4
INCREASE OR DEC. (-)	-166,140	114,544	158,721	2.18	-0.09	1.87	8,131	13,800	14,697	5.6	5.7	2.9

AREAS MANURED FOR CROPPING, 1935-36 - 3,905,165; 1936-37 - 4,001,172; 1937-38 - 4,228,577 acres.

TOP DRESSING. In addition to 176,351 (161,654) tons Manure used for Crops as above, 51,196 (46,399) tons were used for top-dressing, - the acreage top-dressed being Counties Adelaide 90,731 (82,001), Carnarvon 19,741 (19,830), Fergusson 23,806 (25,710), Hindmarsh 117,209 (102,847), Sturt 35,564 (31,866), Stanley 22,351 (22,962), Puckingham 63,903 (55,558), Grey 245,581 (195,903), MacDonnell 77,376 (63,629), Robe 154,063 (146,129), Flinders 52,311 (55,524), Others 94,128 (101,571), Total 996,764 (903,530).

NOTE : The quantity of manures used per acre this year for cropping was 93.4 lbs., being a record for the State. The area of 996,764 acres top-dressed was also a record, exceeding the previous highest by 93,000 acres. Since 1931-32, the percentage of cropped area manured has increased from 80.72 to 89.28, the average lbs. used per acre rising from 75.3 to 93.4 and the acreage top-dressed from 139,328 to 996,764. The maximum percentage of cropped area manured was 92.62 in 1929-30.

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